

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, please insert the following new paragraph below the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. national phase of the PCT/FR2003/003367 filed November 13, 2003, which claims the benefit of French Application No. 02 14444 filed November 19, 2002, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

At page 1, between lines 2 and 4, insert the following heading:

FIELD OF INVENTION

At page 1, between lines 5 and 7, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

At page 6, between lines 16 and 18, insert the following heading:

OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

At page 6, between lines 32 and 34, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 35 with the following amended paragraph:

To this end, the present invention proposes a method of processing sound data, ~~in~~ which wherein, before a playback of the sound by a playback device:

a) signals representative of at least one sound propagating in a three-dimensional space and arising from a source situated at a first distance from a reference point are coded so as to obtain a representation of the sound by components expressed in a base of spherical harmonics, of origin corresponding to said reference point, and

b) a compensation of a near field effect is applied to said components by a filtering which is dependent on a second distance defining substantially, for a playback of the sound by a playback device, a distance between a playback point and a point of auditory perception.

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At page 12, between lines 19 and 21, insert the following heading:
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 14, between lines 15 and 17, insert the following heading:
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION